OMB and Information Sharing

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OMB's Point of View

- Information sharing and interoperability form critical components of national security
- The federal government doesn't consistently share information well
- Federal agencies need to improve their capabilities in this area

What is OMB doing to support information sharing?

- Supporting the creation of the Terrorism Threat Integration Center (TTIC)
- Requiring IT business cases to demonstrate linkages and interoperability
- Making information sharing implicitly part of the criteria for success on the E-gov/IT area of the President's Management Agenda Scorecard
- Closely following implementation of Intelligence Community-wide IT systems, like ICSIS and ICMAP

What are the challenges to information sharing from OMB's perspective?

- More resources, new systems, or revised org charts will not necessarily guarantee better information sharing
- Greater information sharing and interoperability, while solving some problems, will create security risks

Where are we going from here?

- IT spending justifications will have to show how the investment improves sharing or interoperability

  “Spend smarter, not just more”

- Management reviews will continue to emphasize information sharing as a requirement for success

  “Manage risks, as well as gains”